



**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**  
**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**Woonsocket Falls Project**  
**City of Woonsocket**

**[Project No. 2972-022]**

**Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Protests**

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. Type of Application: Amendment of License
- b. Project No.: 2972-022
- c. Date Filed: June 21, 2012
- d. Applicant: City of Woonsocket
- e. Name of Project: Woonsocket Falls Project
- f. Location: On the Blackstone River, in Providence County, Woonsocket, Rhode Island
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791a-825r
- h. Applicants Contact: Mr. Michael Debrosse, Engineering, City of Woonsocket, 169 Main Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895, (401) 762-6400  
  
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- i. FERC Contact: Mr. Mark Pawlowski, (202) 502-6052, [mark.pawlowski@ferc.gov](mailto:mark.pawlowski@ferc.gov)
- j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests is **30 days from the issuance date of this notice by the Commission**. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.

Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-2972-022.

k. Description of Request: The licensee requests to amend its license to remove the Woonsocket Falls Dam and impoundment as licensed project facilities because the dam and impoundment have been transferred to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to the requirements of section 2875 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2008 (PL 110-181). The licensee would continue to operate and maintain the hydroelectric facilities consisting of: (1) an intake structure constructed on the east bank of the river about 60 feet upstream from the dam; (2) two 8-foot diameter concrete penstocks; (3) a powerhouse located about 240 feet downstream from the dam; (4) a 1,200-foot-long, 13.8-kilovolt (kV) transmission line; and (5) appurtenant facilities.

l. Locations of the Application: A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene: Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents: Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title “COMMENTS”, “PROTEST”, or “MOTION TO INTERVENE” as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). All motions to intervene, protests, or comments should relate to project works which are the subject of the application. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. If an intervener files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

Dated: September 9, 2013.

Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.

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